

C. J. Torrey.

PHELPS
MSS.

Salem, June 28th 1838

Dear Bro. Phelps, After my letter was prepared

I found your note of yesterday in the P. O. -
In regard to the particular fields of local agents,
our Committee thought it impracticable to as-

sign them very definitely - at least at present.
We think we shall be able to manage the matter
better by having the several town societies
apply to us for lectures & then we (Central Com.)
send the one they want, or some other person
to do the work. Besides, in some towns it will
require a better acquaintance with the state
of feeling and with the aptitudes of our
agents to particular fields than we now possess.

And then, most of our local agents are in
this part of the Co'. We shall endeavor to see
to it that each town is sufficiently visited and
by the very men, so far as we can get them.
I think our arrangements will be effectual.

The Association meets at Topsfield on Tuesday
next, which will render it impossible for
me to be in Boston on Tuesday as you

suggest. I am sorry - but if I was sent
from the city, to go to your board meeting
when the asso' met, the enemy would "blaspheme".
Besides I want to stir up their pure minds a little.

The Liberator men are subtle & evidently
wanting us to begin; desiring to strike, but
afraid to - I'm afraid "sister Phebe" has caught
you; you will have to confess that you gave
condemnation to wrong doing at Lynn - I
would not wage a war of scribbling in the
Liberator with her (Athby Kelly I presume).
But strike at leisure & strike heavy in
a pamphlet & make Knapp publish it -
I see Johnson is wonderfully cautious. Who
has rapped his knuckles? - We have
placed matters on the present footing in
the Co. and in particular arranged our
sub-committees, & plans of operation, with
a special view to keeping every thing mild
out - and presenting pure unmixed abolition
meet and nothing else - And we hear of hardly
a symptom of a disposition to do otherwise.
We shall get our arrangements into operation
this week to some extent - and do it next week
more fully - so as to begin to collect money
and diffuse publications etc -

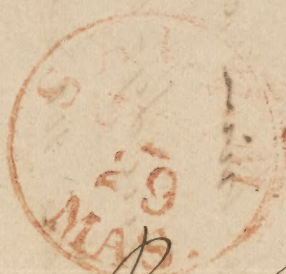
I see on looking at the Annual Report
Mass. S. S. that I need not trouble you so
much as my other letter asks, about societies
& their officers. Only when you know of any
changes, let me know - and also, the address of
any one in towns where there are no societies
- I will try to see you somehow
the week after the next. Till then I
am yours with regard

Chas. T. Torrey.

P.S. I rather think, if we like Pettibone
we shall try to keep him at work, though
the ^{fall and} winter in the country - or else get another
man - We mean to spare no expense or labor to
do up our work this year, if it is never done
again - or never has been before -

P.S. 2nd If your Executive Com. prefer that we
should pay for Binnett's labor while we leave
him in the Co. very well - only we don't want
a double responsibility in the case - We don't
as he was your paid agent at any rate, and
would not have him our local agent, and
would ask his services of your Board for a
specific time -

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